റാവു സാഹിബ്ബ് ഐ. എൻ. മേനോൻ: (എ) ഇല്ല.

(ബി) മേൽപറഞ്ഞ ഉത്തരംകൊണ്ട് ഈ ചോദ്യത്തിനു ഉത്തരം ആവശ്യമില്ല.

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265. മിസ്റ്റർ ബി. എം. പീറർ: താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്കു ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടിൽ നിന്നും ദയവായി മറുപടിപറയുമോ?

(എ) ഡിപ്പാർട്ടുമെൻറൽ ടെസ്റ്റിനു ചേരുന്ന ഗവർമ്മെണ്ടുദ്യോഗസ്ഥന്മാർ അടക്കേണ്ട പരീക്ഷാഫീസ് എന്തു;

(ബി) ടിയാന്മാരുടെ ടെസ്റ്റിൻറെ ഓരോ പാർട്ടിനാണെങ്കിൽ എന്തുവീതം അടക്കണം,

(സി) പ്രൈവറ് കാൻറിഡെറിനു ടെസ്റ്റിനു ചേരണമെങ്കിൽ ഉള്ള ഫീസ് എന്തു;

(ഡി) ഇവക്കു പാർട്ടിനുമാത്രമാണെങ്കിൽ എന്തു ഫീസ് അടക്കണം?

രാമവർമ്മ തമ്പുരാൻ: (എ) ഒരു ടെസ്റ്റിനു ഒ കം. യിൽ കവിയാതെ ഓരോ വിഷയത്തിനും ൨ ഉറുപ്പിക വീതം കണക്കാക്കണം.

(ബി) ഓരോവിഷയത്തിനു ൨ കം. വീതം.

(സി) ൭ ഉറുപ്പിക.

(ഡി) ൭.

AFFORESTATION—TALAPPALLI TALUK

266. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they have read the editorial under the caption "Save India's Forests" in the Madras Mail, dated 7th August 1939;

(*b*) whether any attempt is made by our Government to develop our forest resources;

(*c*) the area dis-afforested within the last 10 years in each taluk;

(*d*) the area in each taluk which has been replanted with forest trees for the purpose of conserving the forest areas;

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(*e*) whether the Government has noted a range of barren hills almost from Machad village up to Choondal village in Talappalli Taluk;

(*f*) whether these areas can be converted into forest areas;

(*g*) if so, why can't the Government grow jungle trees on these barren hills;

(*h*) whether costly trees like teak or rosewood are grown in the reserve forests in Kadangode village in Talappalli Taluk;

(*i*) if not, whether the Government be pleased to convert reserve forest area into a dense jungle where costly trees are grown?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon *(Conservator of Forests):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*)

Kanayannur	33·58 acres.
Mukundapuram	2989·55 ,,
Trichur	269·40 ,,
Talappalli	675·11¾ ,,
Chittur*	1275·11 ,,

(*d*)

Kanayannur	207·33 acres.
Mukundapuram	4264·53 ,,
Trichur	1502·16 ,,
Talappalli	813·37 ,,
Chittur (Nemmara)	341·75 ,,

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Some portions can be so converted and the others not, the soil being too rocky and shallow.

(*g*) A start has already been made and the attempt will be continued in the future.

(*h*) Conditions of the locality, *e.g.*, the rocky and shallow soil, so evident in these hills, are not very favourable for the growth of species like rosewood and teak in abundance. They occur naturally to a limited extent, however, in places, but their growth is by no means luxuriant.

* Consequen on the dis-afforestation of the whole of the Chittur *Kanam* Reserve Forest.

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(*i*) This is the general policy of the Government where the factors of the locality are favourable and is given effect to in the intensive programme of afforestation that is being pursued from year to year subject to the limitation of funds, as may be seen from the annual Administration reports of the Department.

AFFORESTATION AS PREVENTIVE TO FLOODS AND DROUGHTS

267. Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the total extent of *poramboke* land lying waste on the range of hills lying from east-west almost through the middle of Talappalli Taluk from Machad to Vellattanjoor;

(*b*) whether the member for Kunnamkulam suggested the idea of growing forests on these waste lands to regulate the flow of water in Keecheri River by a resolution in the last Council;

(*c*) whether the Irrigation Board, Trichur group, adopted this in their report of the investigation for the averting of the floods and droughts in the paddy-fields of Keecheri;

(*d*) what decision the Government has arrived at in this important problem?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon *(Chief Engineer):* (*a*) 1850·72¾ acres.

(*b*) Yes, in respect of waste lands lying between Vadakkancheri and Erumapetty.

(*c*) There was no definite recommendation from the Irrigation Board regarding this matter.

(*d*) This question does not arise in view of the answer given to sub-division (*c*) above.

RAM MOHAN PALACE—ELECTRIFICATION—QUALIFICATIONS OF CONTRACTOR

268. Mr. V. K. Bhaskara Menon *(Cranganur):* Will the Government be pleased to state whether the contractor entrusted with the electrification of the Ram Mohan Palace has been exempted from possessing the necessary qualifications required by the rules

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